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Amendment (2)

CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. An aroma device comprising visible light emitting diodes (LEDs) as a light source, a first cover for covering said LEDs and for diffusing and transmitting light, a second cover, provided outside said first cover, for diffusing and transmitting light at least part or the whole of the side face thereof, and a heater for heating a material to be heated which emits aroma, wherein

said heater is disposed above said LEDs, and heater wires are wired from the center of the plurality of LEDs.

3. (Amended) An aroma device in accordance with claim 2, wherein

a plurality of LEDs are provided, and respective lighting timings are shifted.

4. An aroma device in accordance with claim 2, wherein

said heater wires are bundled by a holding

pipe.

5. An aroma device in accordance with claim 4, wherein

the color of said holding pipe is made similar to the color of emitted light of said LEDs.

6. (Amended) An aroma device in accordance with claim 2, wherein

a heater having a positive temperature coefficient (PTC) is used as said heater.

7. (Amended) An aroma device in accordance with claim 2, wherein

the surface maximum temperature of the heating surface for heating the material to be heated by said heater is set to 160 - 300°C.

8. (Amended) An aroma device in accordance with claim 2, wherein

said second cover is supported in the vertical direction by a fixture member made of a transparent resin and provided inside said second cover.

9. An aroma device in accordance with claim

8, wherein

the shape of at least the portion of said fixture member corresponding to the mounting positions of said LEDs is formed into a nearly cylindrical shape.

10. (Amended) An aroma device comprising visible light emitting diodes (LEDs) as a light source, a first cover for covering said LEDs and for diffusing and transmitting light, a second cover, provided outside said first cover, for diffusing and transmitting light at least part or the whole of the side face thereof, and a heater for heating a material to be heated which emits aroma, said aroma device further comprising:

a container for accommodating the material to be heated which emits aroma, a heating plate disposed below said container, said heater for heating said heating plate, a supporting member, having an opening opposed to said heating plate, and for supporting said heating plate and said heater, said second cover for forming the side face of the outer shell, and a lid cover having an opening larger than the opening in said supporting member, wherein the upper portion of the opening circumferential portion formed around said opening in said supporting member is fitted to the inside of said opening in said lid

cover, and the upper face of the outer portion is formed of at least the opening circumferential portion of said supporting member, said heating plate and said lid cover.

11. (Amended) An aroma device comprising visible light emitting diodes (LEDs) as a light source, a first cover for covering said LEDs and for diffusing and transmitting light, a second cover, provided outside said first cover, for diffusing and transmitting light at least part or the whole of the side face thereof, and a heater for heating a material to be heated which emits aroma, said aroma device further comprising:

a container for accommodating the material to be heated which emits aroma,

a heating plate disposed below said container,

said heater for heating said heating plate,

a supporting member for supporting said heating plate and said heater, said supporting member having an opening through which heat from said heating plate is transmitted to said container by virtue of contact or via an air layer and made of a material having thermal conductivity lower than that of said heating plate, ,

said second cover for forming the side face of the outer shell, and

a lid cover, having an opening through which the heat from said heating plate is transmitted to said container by virtue of contact or via an air layer, said lid cover being mounted on said supporting member and covering at least the outer circumferential portion of said supporting member and the upper portion of said second cover, being made of a material having thermal conductivity lower than that of said heating plate.

12. An aroma device in accordance with claim 10, wherein

said lid cover and said supporting member are connected to each other by fastening members in the vicinities of their respective outer circumferences.

13. An aroma device in accordance with claim 10, wherein

the opening circumferential portion of said opening in said supporting member is exposed outside through the opening in said lid cover.

14. An aroma device in accordance with claim

10, wherein

the level difference at the fitting portion between the circumferential portion of the opening in said supporting member and the opening in said lid cover is made nearly zero.

15. An aroma device in accordance with claim 13, wherein

said supporting member is provided with a liquid reservoir for storing liquid entered through the clearance of fitting portion of said opening circumferential portion and said lid cover.

16. An aroma device in accordance with claim 10, wherein

clearances are provided at the side face of said lid cover or between said lid cover and said second cover in the vicinity of the contact portion of said second cover and the side face of said lid cover and are allocated for air ports.

17. An aroma device in accordance with claim 16, wherein

said supporting member has an upper cover and a heater cover,

said heater cover supports said heater, and

said upper cover covers said heater, and

said lid cover has a wall for partitioning the space between said air ports and the contact faces of said upper cover and said heater cover, said wall being formed to a position lower than the contact faces of said upper cover and said heater cover.